

**Amendments to the Claims**

Please cancel Claim 23. Please amend Claims 1, 2, 8, 15, 16, and 22. The Claim Listing below will replace all prior versions of the claims in the application:

**Claim Listing**

1. (Currently Amended) A computer method for analyzing spoken utterances comprising common language words in a speech-enabled environment, comprising the steps of:  
defining generating a grammatic specification suitable for processing the spoken utterances based on a domain model for a speech-enabled application and based on a syntax template for the domain model, the domain model providing the grammatic specification with built-in meaning;  
processing a recognition message, based on one of the spoken utterances recognized by a speech engine, to produce an initial semantic representation of the recognized spoken utterance based on the grammatic specification and the domain model;  
and  
providing a set of propositions that represent the recognized spoken utterance, the set of propositions based on the initial semantic representation and the domain model.
2. (Currently Amended) The computer method of Claim 1, wherein the step of defining generating a grammatic specification comprises the steps of:  
receiving an ontological description of the domain model based on entities, classes, and attributes;  
receiving syntax templates for the domain model specifying legal word sequences based on the ontological description; and  
combining the ontological description, a lexicon, and the syntax templates to generate the grammatic specification.
3. (Previously Amended) The computer method of Claim 2, wherein the domain model comprises a lexicon of words associated with the speech-enabled application, said lexicon

providing synonyms and parts of speech information for elements of the ontological description, and wherein the grammatic specification is based on said lexicon.

4. (Original) The computer method of Claim 1, wherein the domain model comprises an ontological description based on entities, classes, and attributes.
5. (Original) The computer method of Claim 1, wherein the domain model comprises a syntax specification and the grammatic specification is based on the syntax specification.
6. (Original) The computer method of Claim 1, wherein the grammatic specification is a Backus Naur Form grammar.
7. (Original) The computer method of Claim 1, wherein the initial semantic representation is based on a frame structure representing the recognized spoken utterance.
8. (Currently Amended) A system for analyzing spoken utterances comprising common language words, comprising:
  - a syntax manager for defining generating a grammatic specification suitable for processing the spoken utterances recognized by a speech engine based on a domain model for a speech-enabled application and based on a syntax template for the domain model, the domain model providing the grammatic specification with built-in meaning; and
  - a semantics analysis module for processing a recognition message based on one of the spoken utterances recognized by a speech engine to produce an initial semantic representation of the recognized spoken utterance based on the grammatic specification and the domain model; and the semantic analysis module providing a set of propositions that represent the recognized spoken utterance, the set of propositions based on the initial semantic representation and the domain model.
9. (Original) The system of Claim 8, wherein the syntax manager receives an ontological description of the domain model based on entities, classes, and attributes; and receives

syntax templates for the domain model specifying legal word sequences based on the ontological description; and wherein the syntax manager combines the ontological description and the syntax templates to generate the grammatic specification.

10. (Original) The system of Claim 9, wherein the domain model comprises a lexicon of words associated with the speech-enabled application, the lexicon providing synonyms and parts of speech information for elements of the ontological description, and wherein the grammatic specification is based on the lexicon.
11. (Original) The system of Claim 8, wherein the domain model comprises an ontological data structure based on entities, classes, and attributes.
12. (Original) The system of Claim 8, wherein the domain model comprises a syntax specification and the grammatic specification is based on the syntax specification.
13. (Original) The system of Claim 8, wherein the grammatic specification is a Backus Naur Form grammar.
14. (Original) The system of Claim 8, wherein the initial semantic representation is based on a frame structure representing the recognized spoken utterance.
15. (Currently Amended) A computer program product comprising:
  - a computer usable medium for analyzing spoken utterances comprising common language words in a speech-enabled environment; and
  - a set of computer program instructions embodied on the computer useable medium, including instructions to:
    - define generate a grammatic specification suitable for processing the spoken utterances based on a domain model for a speech-enabled application and based on a syntax template for the domain model, the domain model providing the grammatic specification with built-in meaning;

process a recognition message, based on one of the spoken utterances recognized by a speech engine, to produce an initial semantic representation of the recognized spoken utterance based on the grammatic specification and the domain model; and

provide a set of propositions that represent the recognized spoken utterance, the set of propositions based on the initial semantic representation and the domain model.

16. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of Claim 15, wherein the step of defining generating a grammatic specification comprises the steps of:
  - receiving an ontological description of the domain model based on entities, classes, and attributes;
  - receiving syntax templates for the domain model specifying legal word sequences based on the ontological description; and
  - combining the ontological description, a lexicon, and the syntax templates to generate the grammatic specification.
17. (Original) The computer program product of Claim 16, wherein the domain model comprises a lexicon of words associated with the speech-enabled application, said lexicon providing synonyms and parts of speech information for elements of the ontological description of the domain model, and wherein the grammatic specification is based on said lexicon.
18. (Original) The computer program product of Claim 15, wherein the domain model comprises an ontological data structure based on entities, classes, and attributes.
19. (Original) The computer program product of Claim 15, wherein the domain model comprises a syntax specification and the grammatic specification is based on the syntax specification.

20. (Original) The computer program product of Claim 15, wherein the grammatic specification is a Backus Naur Form grammar.
21. (Original) The computer program product of Claim 15, wherein the initial semantic representation is based on a frame structure representing the recognized spoken utterance.
22. (Currently Amended) A system for analyzing spoken utterances comprising common language words in a speech-enabled environment, comprising:
  - means for defining generating a grammatic specification suitable for processing the spoken utterances based on a domain model for a speech-enabled application and based on a syntax template for the domain model, the domain model providing the grammatic specification with built-in meaning;
  - means for processing a recognition message, based on one of the spoken utterances recognized by a speech engine, to produce an initial semantic representation of the recognized spoken utterance based on the grammatic specification and the domain model; and
  - means for providing a set of propositions that represent the recognized spoken utterance, the set of propositions based on the initial semantic representation and the domain model.
23. (Canceled)